equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.		
Dated thisday of	ust, 2016.	
	NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. By Remi Sun Its: Chief Financial Officer	
State of Montana)) ss.		
County of Daniels)		
On this day of		
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TARA L. BOZE NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana Residing at Flaxville, Montana My Commission Expires April 26, 2017	Notary Public For the State of Montana My commission expires:	

SEP 26 2016

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-16-532

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTH DAKOTA 5 - KIDDER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION
OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Dakota 5 Kidder Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389010 to the Company.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 19, 2016 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-16-532. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

Dated this 25 day of July, 2016.

North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

By Robert Mutzenback

Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc.

d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey
)
) ss.

County of Somerset
)

On this 25 day of July, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and

On this 25 day of July, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Joseph Wurst, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership.

Notary Public

My Commission expires 10/30/16

Evelyn Leba - Notary Public I.D. No.: 2207070 - State of New Jersey My Comm. Exp. 10-30-2017

AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY REGARDING FCC Mailroom CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss
County of Ward)

Steve Lysne, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Network Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Network Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional

equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.		
Dated this 33 day of August	, 2016.	
	NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY	
	By CEO Steve Lysne Its: Manager	
State of North Dakota)) ss.		
County of Ward)		
On this 22 day of August for said County and State, personally appeared Manager of NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK CON and that executed the within instrument, and a executed the same.	IPANY, the corporation that is described in	
	Jacie Lansen	
TRACIE HANSEN Notary Public State of North Dakota Commission Expires Sept. 6, 2017	Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: Sept 6, 2017	

SAC # 389008

BEFORE THE SEPORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 26 2016 CASE NO. PU-16-532

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC **DOCKET NO. 14-58**

AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTH DAKOTA RSA NO. 3 OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost 1. federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Dakota RSA No. 3 of Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389008 to the Company.
- Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 19, 2016 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-16-532. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

North Dakota RSA No. 3 of Limited Partnership

Dated this	25day	of July,	2016.
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	Robert Mutzenback Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership
State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)
State, personally app	day of July, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and eared Robert Mutzenback, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. ss, Managing Agent of North Dakota RSA No. 3 of Limited Partnership.
	Notary Public
	My Commission expires 10 30 2017
	Evelyn Leba - Notary Public I.D. No.: 2207070 - State of New Jersey My Comm. Exp. 10-30-2017

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439 02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58 FCC Mailroom

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
County of Ramsey) ss)

Dave Dircks, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional

equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.		
Dated this 23 day of A. quest	, 2016.	
	NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY	
	Dave Dircks Its: Manager	
State of North Dakota)) ss.		
County of Ramsey)		
On this <u>23</u> " day of <u>Quant</u> , 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVE DIRCKS, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.		
SHAWNA M SENGER Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Feb 3, 2022	Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: 5tb 3, 2022	

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. \$10,439,929441, AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATE Mailroom REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Williams)

Mike Steffan, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Northwest Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016 and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Northwest Communications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional

equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services	ce at no additional charge; (c) access to ices to qualifying low-income consumers.
Dated this // day of August	, 2016.
	NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
	By Mich Steffen
	Mike Steffan // Its: Manager
State of North Dakota)	
) ss. County of Williams)	
On this day of	IS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is
	gilene Zen
	Notary Public
	For the State of North Dakota
	My commission expires:
	JILENE ZERR Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires October 9, 2019

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CASE NO. PU-16-532

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTHWEST DAKOTA CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389007 to the Company.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 19, 2016 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-16-532. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.7 and 54.314.

Dated this 25 day of July, 2016.

Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

Robert Mutzenback

Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey) ss.

County of Somerset

On this <u>25</u> day of July, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Robert Mutzenback, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

Notary Public

My Commission expires ___

Evelyn Leba - Notary Public I.D. No.: 2207070 - State of New Jersey My Comm. Exp. 10-30-2017

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF POLAR COMMUNICATIONS STUDY AREAS 381630 AND 381614 REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss
County of Walsh)

Karl Blake, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Polar Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R.§ 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use

for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.		
Dated this 23 rd day of August, 2016.		
POLAR COMMUNICATIONS		
By Sarl Blake		
Its: General Manager/CEO		
State of North Dakota)) ss. County of Walsh) On this 3 day of August, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of POLAR COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and columniated the matter that is described in and		
that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. CAROL J. LAHAISE Noten: Public		
Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires April 13, 2019 Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: My commission expires:		

Received & Inspected BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET THE AND AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET THE AND AND BEFORE THE ROLL OF THE AND AND BEFORE THE AND AND BEFORE THE ROLL OF THE AND AND BEFORE THE AND AND BEFORE THE AND AND BEFORE THE BEFORE THE AND BEFORE THE AND BEFORE THE AND BEFORE THE BEFORE

AFFIDAVIT OF POLAR TELCOM, INC. REGARDING

AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

FCC Mailroom

CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss
County of Walsh)

Karl Blake, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Polar Telcom, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice President.
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of 2. Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar Telcom, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R.§ 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use

for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.		
Dated this 3 day of August	, 2016.	
Ÿ	POLAR TELCOM, INC.	
	By Malle State	
	Its: Executive Vice President	
State of North Dakota)) ss.		
County of Walsh)		
On this <u>33</u> day of <u>August</u> for said County and State, personally appears Executive Vice President of POLAR TELCOM, and that executed the within instrument, and a	, INC., the corporation that is described in	
executed the same.	arol Of La Hausip	
CAROL J. LAHAISE Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires April 13, 2019	Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:	

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF Received & Inspected FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

FCC Mailroom

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

- 1. I am the Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink Inc. ("Carrier")
- 2. I am a corporate officer of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("North Dakota") authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") Support.
- 3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.
- 4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 14-58 and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11- 191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost and CAF Support was used during the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.
- 5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost and CAF Support Funds during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided. CenturyLink is certifying its compliance with 47 C.F.R. 54.313(c) at a holding company level, as allowed per the provisions of DA 13-2101 released October 30, 2013.

Further affiant sayeth not

David D. Cole

Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller

CenturyLink, Inc.

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 28 day of July, 2016, by David D. Cole as Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY-PUBLIC

ERRI Guice

Printed Name of Notary
My commission expires:

At death

TERRI GUICE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Union Parish
Louisiana Bar Roll No. 8622
My Commission Expires at Death

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE pu-439 6 2016 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 FCC Mailroom

AFFADAVIT OF RC TECHNOLOGIES REGARDING CERTIFCATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss
County of Roberts)

Scott Bostrom, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own person knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by RC Technologies (hereinafter, the" Company"), in the position of General Manger.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high cost universal support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket Number 10-90 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254 (e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to RC Technologies was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with

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Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 18 day of Quil, 2016.

RC TECHNOLOGIES

Scott Bostrom

Its: General Manager

State of North Dakota) ss.
County of Roberts)

On this 18 day of 1000, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for the said and County and State, personally appeared SCOTT BOSTROM, known to me to be the General Manager of RC TECHNOLOGIES, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

ROBIN E THORESON

SEAL NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL
SOUTH DAKOTA

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Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires:

My Commission Expires Oct. 27, 2016

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. IFCEMATIOOM AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING

CERTIFICATION	OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE	SUPPORTP	- 2 2016	
State of North Dakota)	NOR	TH DAKOTA	
County of Richland) SS.		VICE COMMI	SSION

Jeffrey J. Olson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Red River Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Red River Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the

following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 24 th day of August **RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS** Its: General Manager/CEO State of North Dakota County of Richland On this day of August 24th ____, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally appeared JEFFREY J. OLSON, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. Notary Public DONNA JEAN SCHOFF THIEL For the State of North Dakota **Notary Public** My commission expires: Au State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Aug 23, 2019

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)) ss.
County of Mountrail	

Shane D. Hart, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional

equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service a emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services	t no additional charge; (c) access to to qualifying low-income consumers.
Dated this 24^{+1} day of $A \cup 4 \cup 3 + 1$, 2016.
By_	SERVATION TELEPHONE OPERATIVE Shane D. Hart ts: Manager
State of North Dakota)) ss.	
County of Mountrail)	
On this 24th day of August and for said County and State, personally appeared the Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE CO described in and that executed the within instrumer corporation executed the same.	OPERATIVE, the corporation that is
	fretchen Edwards
Notary Public For	tary Public the State of North Dakota commission expires: Oct-16,2021

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKEFOO. Main on AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana)
·) ss
County of Daniels)

Remi Sun, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use

for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers. Dated this 25th day of Jugust, 2016. SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC. Remi Sun Its: Chief Financial Officer State of Montana **County of Daniels** On this $\frac{\partial S^{th}}{\partial t}$ day of $\frac{\partial S^{th}}{\partial t}$, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared REMI SUN, known to me to be the Chief Financial Officer of SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. TARA L. BOZE NOTARY PUBLIC for the For the State of Montana State of Montana
Residing at Flaxville, Montana
My Commission Expires
April 26, 2017 My commission expires:____

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING

SEP 26 2016

CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPEGO Mailroom

State of North Dakota)
) ss
County of Ward)

Steve Lysne, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by SRT Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to SRT Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R.§ 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

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grade access to the public switched network or for local service at no additional charge; (c) a limitation services to qualifying low-income co	access to emergency services; and (d) toll
Dated this 32 day of August	, 2016.
	SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
	Steve Lysne Its: Manager
State of North Dakota)	
) ss. County of Ward	•
On this 22 day of August for said County and State, personally appears Manager of SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., t executed the within instrument, and acknowled the same.	he corporation that is described in and that
TRACIE HANSEN Notary Public	, Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Sept 6, 2017

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET 1901098 2016
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS FCC Mailroom REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Cavalier)

Perry Oster, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Turtle Mountain Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Turtle Mountain Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional

equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.		
Dated this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>August</u>	, 2016.	
	TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS By Perry Oster Its: Manager	
State of North Dakota)) ss.		
County of Cavalier)		
On this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>August</u> for said County and State, personally appeare Manager of TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICA and that executed the within instrument, and a executed the same.	ATIONS, the corporation that is described in	
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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss
County of Cavalier)

Perry Oster, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's Page 1 of 2

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

emergency services; and (d) toll limitation serv	ices to qualifying low-income consumers.
Dated this 23rd day of August	, 2016.
	UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION
	Perry Oster Its: Manager
State of North Dakota)) ss.	
County of Cavalier)	
On this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>August</u> for said County and State, personally appeare Manager of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL A described in and that executed the within instructorporation executed the same.	ID CORPORATION, the corporation that is
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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. PU-439-01-460

AFFIDAVIT OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)

County of Sargent)ss.

Randy W. Houdek, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Venture Communications Cooperative, (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General manager/CEO.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. The Company serves 13 access lines within the boundaries of North Dakota and approximately 12,500 access lines within the boundaries of South Dakota.
- 4. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket No. 10-90 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. * 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. * 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2014, and for all quarters thereafter.
- 6. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Venture Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. * 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. * 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency

signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation services for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2016.
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
By: 1) Land Mark Randy W. Houdek
Its: General Manager/CEO
State of South Dakota)
) ss.
County of Hyde)
On this <u>fo</u> th day of August 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RANDY W. HOUDEK, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO for VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.
Mnuck. Volem, Notary Public For the State of South Dakota
My commission expires: MARCH 24, 2022

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Certification of NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Relating to Use of Federal Universal Service Funds

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CERTIFICATION

I, Lane C. Mansell, do hereby certify as follows:

- 1. I serve as Vice President/General Manager for AT&T Mobility LLC ("Company"), and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"). My business address is 7900 Xerxes Avenue South, Suite 301, Bloomington, Minnesota 55431.
- 2. In my capacity as Vice President/General Manager, I am an authorized representative of the Company and its subsidiary licensees and am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of New Cingular.
- 3. New Cingular has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for the purpose of qualifying to obtain all available federal universal service support including, but not limited to, support for rural, insular and high costs areas, and for low-income customers, <u>In the Matter of the Application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier</u>, Order, ND. PUC Case No. PU-11-86 (July 13, 2011).
- 4. New Cingular only used the federal high-cost universal service support received during the preceding calendar year (2015) and will only use the federal high-cost support received in the coming calendar year (2017) for the provision maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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EXHIBIT

Series B

AT&T Mobility LLC

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on July 25, 2016.

Lane C. Mansell

Vice President/General Manager Minnesota/Northern Plains Market

Signed at Bloomington, Minnesota

Subscribed and sworn to before me This <u>25</u> day of July, 2016.

Notary Public

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BEFORE THE Received & Inspected NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CASE NO. PU-16-532 SEP 2 6 2016

AND BEFORE THE

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTH CENTRAL RSA 2 OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Central RSA 2 of Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389006 to the Company.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 19, 2016 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-16-532. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

Dated this 25 day of July, 2016.

North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership

Robert Mutzenback

Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey

) ss.

County of Somerset)

On this <u>25</u> day of July, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Robert Mutzenback, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

Notary Public

My Commission expires

Evelyn Leba - Notary Public

I.D. No.: 2207070 - State of New Jersey My Comm. Exp. 10-30-2017 BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU 439-026441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

FCC Mailroom AFFIDAVIT OF WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
County of Mercer) ss)

Troy Schilling, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by West River Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West River Telecommunications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-43962-4216 2016 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58 FCC Mailroom

AFFIDAVIT OF WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Walsh)

Karl Blake, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Wolverton Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice President.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Wolverton Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study

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minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers. Dated this 23 day of Hugust Karl Blake Its: Executive Vice President State of North Dakota) ss. County of Walsh On this 23 day of August, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. **Notary Public** CAROL J. LAHAISE For the State of North Dakota Notary Public

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area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b)

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Case No. PU-16-532

ORDER ON CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICES SUPPORT

September 21, 2016

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires that telecommunications carriers use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended." Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Section 54.314(a) requires: "States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to receive support for the following year, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

On August 28, 2002, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued an order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC under 47 C.F.R. §54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC by September 14 of each year, as described in the order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC will be the basis for the NDPSC's certification to the FCC.

Affidavits regarding use of federal universal service support were filed with the NDPSC by the companies listed in the ordering clause below.

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be

subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

Based on the foregoing, the NDPSC issues the following:

Order

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support that was used in the preceding calendar year and all federal support that will be used in the coming calendar year will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, under and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the company's study area.

Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc. **Badlands Cellular of North Dakota** Limited Partnership **BEK Communications Cooperative** Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC **Consolidated Communications** Networks, Inc. Consolidated Telcom Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. **Dakota Central Telecommunications** Cooperative **Daktel Communications LLC** Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative Griggs County Telephone Co. Halstad Telephone Company Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C. James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company

James Valley Cooperative Telephone
Company
Loretel Systems, Inc.
Midcontinent Communications
Midstate Communications Inc.
Midstate Telephone Company
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Partnership North Dakota Network Co. North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited **Partnership** North Dakota Telephone Company **Northwest Communications** Cooperative, A Cooperative Association Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership **Polar Communications Mutual Aid** Corporation d/b/a Polar Communications Polar Telcom, Inc. **Qwest Communications dba** CenturyLink QC **RC Technologies** Red River Rural Telephone Association, d/b/a Red River Communications Reservation Telephone Cooperative Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. SRT Communications, Inc. Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation

Venture Communications Cooperative

North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership

West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
Wolverton Telephone Company

- 2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.
- 3. The North Dakota Public Service Commission will send a copy of each of the filed affidavits to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

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